

\$17,600 (This is money that had been put aside for property purposes) went towards the total cost of \$52,600.

## Children's Work

### Kowhai Class Excursion

I like alpacas. I like machinery. From Tipene

Thank you Koro for climbing over the fence and getting the hat back. From Caiza

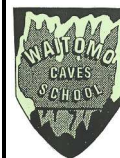
I went and saw the alpacas with my group and I saw machinery. Dorothy let me touch alpaca wool. After Dorothy showed us the alpacas we went to the machinery. The machinery and alpacas were cool. The alpacas nibble the hay. Thank you for the wool you gave us. We are going to use it for our weaving. From Maddison



## What's Coming Up At Waitomo Caves School

20 September	Parent Meeting
21 September	Seniors COP's Athletics
22 September	Welsh Rugby Team Visit
28 September	Waitomo Golf Fun Day
4 October	Kowhai class excursion
6 October	Pet Day Prep – half day
7 October	Pet Day, Cake Auction, Hangi
7 October	Last day of Term 3
Tuesday 25 October	Term 4 begins
27 October	Targa Motorsports Rally

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# Newsletter

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Term Three 2011

Week Five – 16 September

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Tena Koutou Katoa

Welcome to school Lincoln Kohe-Love. Lincoln turns five over the weekend and starts school on Monday. Also welcome to Kick-Start classes Henry Murchie and Mum, Jodie. We enjoy having you as part of our school.

Congratulations Alex for competing in the Waikato Primary Schools cross country event in Hamilton on Wednesday. Alex was placed 8<sup>th</sup> in the Year 8 boy's 2500m individual event. This is an excellent accomplishment when there were just over 100 competitors. Well done!

Congratulations on the senior group performance in Hamilton on Friday. During the percussion festival students played the marimba and xylophone instruments and delighted their audience. Thank you Mrs George for supporting our students with this opportunity. Thank you also Martha, Glenys and Marci for providing transport.

Today we had lots of children and staff dress in their favourite rugby team colours in conjunction with the All Blacks playing tonight. Well done for your efforts kids, you looked great, and go the AB's!



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### School T-Shirts

Children who do not play miniball need to return their school sports t-shirts. Seniors who have Titiwai shirts from the marimba festival also need to return these as soon as possible.

### Parent Meeting

This terms parent meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 20 September at 3.15pm. Agenda items are new MoE guidelines, 4 Year Curriculum Plan, Pets Day, Fundraising, Data base of community resource people, community consultation. If you have any items to add please see attached pink form and return on Monday.

### Snow Camp

Everyone had a fantastic time at our recent camp at Whakapapa Ski Field. Children gained new experiences on the snow, some consolidating their skiing skills and others showing advanced skills. Congratulations to all the children for participating in ways that developed their social and physical skills. Thank you to Gaye, Alannah, Julian, Richard, Suzanne, Christaan, Ben, Linda and Felicity for your support during camp week.



### Riverside Alpaca Visit

This week the junior class visited the Riverside Alpaca's on the Valley Road. Children explored a variety of materials and tools and properties of fibre. Thank you Bex, Pania, Gaye, Steve and Rudy for providing transport

and support for the excursion. Thank you to the parents who indicated their availability for transport and were not needed. We look forward to your continued support for the next Kowhai class excursion in October.

### Welsh Rugby Team Visit

The whole school will be attending the Welsh Rugby Teams practise session at the Waitomo Rugby Domain on Thursday 22 September from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Please join us if you wish.

### From the Fundraising Committee

Camp costs were calculated in the fairest way possible. There has been an excess of funds which we are asking for your suggestions. The fundraising committee would like to recommend the extra camp money raised go towards the school pool upgrade and new school marquee. There is an attachment with this newsletter asking for your ideas. There are still projects that the committee have identified for future planning however your ideas are valued.

### Targa Motorsports Event

The Targa Motorsports rally will be held in the Waitomo area on Thursday 27 October. The fundraising committee will be providing lunch and marshals along the course. Thank you to those who attended the training session yesterday. Please contact Dawn, Batch or school if you are available to help with either marshalling or lunches. Lunches will be distributed from the Pavilion at the rugby club from 10.30am onwards.

### Pets Day Hangi

We are looking for contributions you may be able to provide for the up in coming fundraising Hangi. Whether it's a loaf of bread or a pumpkin it would be much appreciated. Here is a list of what we had in mind:

kumara	onions	potatoes
pumpkin	carrots	bread

Please contact Myke on 021 178 3764 or Tamae 878 7534 by the end of next week if you are able to donate any food for the hangi.

**Thanks everyone for your constant support.**

### Board of Trustee News

The Board are currently reviewing Board Policy's Nags 1 to 6 and Member portfolio responsibilities are as follows Alannah - chairperson and property, Helen - staff rep, Gaye - treasurer, Martha - secretary, Ben - Health & Safety, Myke - fundraising.

The administration upgrade final costing has been received and the project was within budget. The Ministry of Education provided \$35,000 that was allocated to the sole purpose of admin upgrades and the schools term invested money of